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August 6, 2003

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**RE: APPROVAL OF CLASS III PERMIT MODIFICATION TO REMOVE SEVEN (7)
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY RCRA PERMIT NM0890010515**

Dear Messrs. Erickson and Nanos:

This letter is to inform you that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is approving a Class 3 permit modification to the US Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory (Permittees) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit NM0890100515. The request to remove nine solid waste management units (SWMUs) was submitted in the document entitled "Los Alamos National Laboratory Permit Modification Request, September 2002" (referenced by ER2002-0683). The modification will become effective thirty days after the date of this letter, September 5, 2003.

The modification removes seven SWMUs from Tables A and B of the Permit Module VIII, Special Conditions Pursuant to the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) to RCRA for Los Alamos National Laboratory. The remaining two SWMUs were not approved at this time because the contamination from these SWMUs may have migrated to the canyons over time. NMED will not remove these SWMUs from the permit until the extent of contamination downstream is characterized and any risks associated with them addressed. Enclosed are the revised Tables A and B, replacement pages for the tables currently in Module VIII. Please update your copy of the Permit by replacing your tables with new tables. The SWMUs removed from the Permit are listed in Tables A.1 and B.1.

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Please call Neelam Dhawan of my staff at (505) 428-2540 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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